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## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **UNIT 1: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS**

**Monday 18 January 2021 – Morning**

**Time: 2 hours plus your additional  
time allowance.**

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and learner registration number.**

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## ITEMS INCLUDED WITH QUESTION PAPER

- A separate Data Book.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer ALL questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided in this Question Paper or in the Data Book – THERE MAY BE MORE SPACE THAN YOU NEED.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 90.
- The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – USE THIS AS A GUIDE AS TO HOW MUCH TIME TO SPEND ON EACH QUESTION.

## ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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# ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

**WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.**

1. **Jacky is a student living in shared accommodation with other students.**

**The student accommodation has access to a shared network with internet access.**

**The students use both wired and wireless connections to the network.**

(a) Identify TWO benefits of using a wired connection rather than a wireless connection to a shared network.

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**BENEFIT 2** \_\_\_\_\_

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**(b) Identify TWO benefits of using a wireless connection rather than a wired connection to a shared network.**

**(2 marks)**

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**BENEFIT 2**

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(c) **Jacky travels to college by train and uses her laptop to do internet research during her journey.**

The train company provides a free internet connection, however Jacky prefers to set up a personal area network (PAN) between her laptop and mobile phone.

**(i) Explain ONE advantage of using a PAN to connect to the internet.**  
**(2 marks)**

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**(c) (ii) Explain ONE disadvantage of using a PAN  
to connect to the internet.  
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**Jacky's friend has a tablet computer.**

**Jacky would like to give her friend access to the PAN.**

(c) (iii) Describe the steps that they need to follow to allow the friend to gain access.

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(d) The laptop has many utility programs installed.

**Explain the purpose of the TWO given utility programs.**

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## DISK CLEANUP

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## SOFTWARE FIREWALL

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(e) Jacky uses proprietary software for her word processing and spreadsheet based college assignments. The software is out of date and Jacky is considering replacing it with open source software.

**Discuss the implications of installing open source rather than proprietary application software.**

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2. Miguel owns a company that produces software for primary school children.

He works in an office with other programmers to do this.

They use PCs in the office and Miguel uses a laptop when visiting schools to demonstrate the software to the children.

Each device has:

- a graphical user interface (GUI)
- an optional command line interface (CLI)
- a single – user multi – tasking operating system (OS)
- a hard disk drive (HDD).

(a) Explain the purpose of a user interface.  
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(b) Explain TWO benefits of using a GUI rather than a CLI.

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(c) Explain TWO reasons why a single – user multi – tasking OS would be installed on each office PC.

(4 marks)

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(d) Each programmer stores designs on the internal hard disc drive (HDD) on their PC.

**The data stored on their PCs can be at risk even when not connected to the internet.**

(i) Explain TWO threats to data that can arise when a PC is not connected to the internet. (4 marks)

## THREAT 1

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## THREAT 2

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(d) (ii) Miguel is considering moving to a cloud storage system. One benefit of this would be to reduce the threats when storing data to their hard disk drives.

**Discuss how moving to a cloud storage system would impact Miguel and the other programmers.**

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3. SchFurn sells furniture to schools throughout the UK.

**A manager and two administrative staff work in the company office and three sales staff work remotely.**

**Staff in the company office use PCs for administrative tasks.**

**Sales staff use laptops when they visit clients to show a range of furniture available and to collect order details.**

**SchFurn wants a system that will provide:**

- **wireless connection for three PCs**
- **a file server**
- **an email server**
- **secure remote wireless access for laptops.**

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**(a) On the blank space provided for Question 3 (a) in the separate Data Book, draw a diagram to show the setup of the system.**

**The diagram should include:**

- the devices used by the system**
- the connections between the devices**
- annotations including the devices and the types of connection.**

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### 3. continued.

**(b) Glenda is a member of the sales staff.**

**She works remotely from home using a laptop provided by SchFurn.**

- (i) Every week the sales staff and the office manager hold a meeting using voice over internet protocol (VoIP).

## **Codecs are used as part of VoIP.**

**Describe the use of codecs when using VoIP.  
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**(b) (ii) A VPN supports the ability of sales staff, such as Glenda, to work remotely.**

**Discuss the implications to SchFurn of using a VPN to allow sales staff to work remotely.**

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(c) SchFurn holds data about employees and client sales. Legislation is in place to ensure this data is protected.

**Discuss the relevant legislation that protects this data, including the company and employee responsibilities.**

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4. JKH Bank has several high street branches and provides customers with an online banking service.

Jason, a customer, accesses the online banking service via a portable device.

He has an up – to – date virus checker to protect his data from viruses and other malware when using the online banking service.

(a) Discuss threats to Jason's data when he uses a portable device for online banking.

You should consider:

- threats other than virus and malware attacks
- steps that can be taken to reduce the threats.

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(b) JKH Bank is considering closing all high street branches and moving solely to its online banking service.

**Analyse the implications, other than security of data, for JKH Bank moving to online banking only.**

## You should consider the implications for:

- customers
- bank employees
- JKH Bank.

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